

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BELGRADE 2586

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG RQ YO  
SUBJECT: NAM CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO

REF: STATE 074814

SUMMARY: U.S. VIEWS ON PUERTO RICO WERE TRANSMITTED TO GOY.  
IN RESPONSE OFFICIALS STATED THAT GOY DID NOT AGREE THAT PR  
WAS A STRICTLY INTERNAL MATTER, BUT THAT IT WOULD NOT FAVOR  
ANY ACTION IN INTERNATIONAL FORMUMS CALLING FOR  
INDEPENDENCE OF PR. AMBASSADOR REMINDED ONE OFFICIAL OF  
RECENT USG SHIFT TOWARD MORE POSITIVE STANCE ON NAM, ADDING  
THAT USG WOULD NOT LOOK KINDLY UPON INIMICAL NAM PR  
RESOLUTION. END SUMMARY.

1. AMB USED VISIT OF DEPTY ASST SEC (IO) HELMAN TO RAISE  
POINTS IN REFTTEL WITH FSFA ASST SEC (MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS)  
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KOMATINA, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OFFICE  
JAZIC, AND NORTH AMERICAN OFFICE DIRECTOR STARCEVIC.

2. IN RESPONSE KOMATINA STATED THAT ISSUE OF PUERTO RICO  
IS ON NAM AGENDA AND WILL REMAIN THERE SINCE IT CONCERNS  
"DECOLONIALIZATION". HOWEVER, HE ADDED, GOY HAS  
ALWAYS SOUGHT, BOTH IN UN AND NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS TO

DEAL WITH THE ISSUE "MOST REALISTICALLY". IN PARTICULAR, HE NOTED GOY ABSTENTION IN VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT WITHIN C-4, CONSISTENT GOY OPPOSITION IN THE NAM TO INCLUSION OF THE PUERTO RICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT AS SOLE PR REPRESENTATIVE, AND GOY "SUCCESS" IN MODIFYING PR RESOLUTION LANGUAGE FROM "INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION" (LUSAKA) TO "SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE" (COLOMBO). MOREOVER, YUGOSLAVS ASSERTED THAT THE GOY HAS "NEVER" PUSHED THE ISSUE AND WOULD NOT FAVOR ANY LANGUAGE AT KABUL OR ELSEWHERE WHICH CALLS FOR ACTION IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS. KOMATINA NOTED THAT THE GOY HAS BEEN ALMOST ALONE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR MODERATION ON THIS ISSUE; THAT U.S. "ALLIES" ESPECIALLY OUR L.A. FRIENDS WOULD ENTER RESERVATIONS BUT NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE EFFORT TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS AND MODERATION WHICH GOY UNDERTOOK. HOWEVER, JAZIC OBSERVED GOY DID NOT AGREE WITH U.S. CONTENTION THAT P.R. IS AN INTERNAL MATTER. THE U.N. HAS JURISDICTION SINCE PUERTO RICO'S STATUS RESULTS FROM COLONIAL PAST. EVEN U.S.'S LATIN AMERICAN FRIENDS VIEW THE P.R. ISSUE AS ONE OF DECOLONIALIZATION. HE THEN SUGGESTED THAT THE U.S. INVITE THE U.N. TO HOLD A REFERENDUM TO SETTLE QUESTION ONCE AND FOR ALL, COMMENTING THAT PAST ELECTIONS SHOWED THE U.S. HAD NOTHING TO FEAR. THIS WOULD SETTLE THE ISSUE AND REMOVE SUPPORT FOR THE CUBANS.

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3. DEPTY ASST SECTY HELMAN IN RESPONSE NOTED THE CUBANS' TOTAL INTRANSIGENCE OVER PR AND THAT TO PUERTO RICANS, INDEPENDENCE SEEMS LEAST INTERESTING CHOICE. HE REITERATED THAT US WOULD NOT WELCOME ANY EFFORTS TO BRING THE UN INTO THE MATTER.

4. AMB REMINDED JAZIC PRIVATELY THAT U.S., EXPECIALLY DURING TITO VISIT TO WASHINGTON, HAD GONE A LONG WAY TOWARD SHIFTING TO A MORE POSITIVE STANCE RE ROLE OF NAM AND GOY STATUS IN NAM. USG WOULD NOT ESPECIALLY NOW, LOOK FAVORABLY UPON A CLEARLY INIMICAL NAM ACTION ON P.R., ESPECIALLY ONE SUPPORTED BY YUGOSLAVIA.  
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